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To: Idaho Department of Water Resources
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As required by your request that we submit a plan for mitigation, we propose to provide an alternative plan.

We strongly feel that we have mitigated and augmented the flow, and delivery of those surface water rights that have made this call. We have done this by, the contribution of our storage water allocation at the beginning of the irrigation season, which was 15% of our total storage allocation for the charging of the river system, also an additional 3.6% through a storage reallocation done by the Big Lost River District.

In addition, we have suffered an approximate 59% river shrink on the delivery of our storage water which made it possible for the '83 water rights to be delivered to the P.O.D.

We feel our storage water delivered those water rights for those who have called for mitigation. **Those water rights would have been non-deliverable.**

We feel that we have already mitigated to those surface water right holders from the beginning of the irrigation season, and have also done this throughout the irrigation season from the cost of our storage water that was lost to shrink. The cost of this loss of storage water to our individual storage accounts is more than enough to take care of our obligation for the remainder of the irrigation season.

We are strongly opposed to mitigation in this valley. We feel that implementing this program will be far too costly and of little benefit to our valley. We urge you to not implement mitigation in this valley.

Sincerely,
Wade & LeAnne Waddoups

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